

Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Secretary of Labor.

DIPLOMACY, DEVELOPMENT, AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine diplomacy, development, and national security, after receiving testimony from Ben Affleck, Eastern Congo Initiative, and Bill Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, both of Seattle, Washington; Scott Ford, Westrock Group, LLC, Little Rock, Arkansas; John Megrue, Born Free Africa, New York, New York; and Admiral James Stavridis, USN (Ret.), Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Medford, Massachusetts.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Central Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Special Operations Command programs and budget in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2016 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Lloyd J. Austin, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command, General David M. Rodriguez, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command, and General Joseph L. Votel, USA, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported lists in the Foreign Service.

SECURING THE BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine securing the border, focusing on defining the current

population living in the shadows and addressing future flows, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey S. Passel, Pew Research Center, Randel K. Johnson, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Marc R. Rosenblum, Migration Policy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Daniel Garza, The LIBRE Initiative, Mission, Texas; and Madeline Zavodny, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 665, to encourage, enhance, and integrate Blue Alert plans throughout the United States in order to disseminate information when a law enforcement officer is seriously injured or killed in the line of duty, is missing in connection with the officer's official duties, or an imminent and credible threat that an individual intends to cause the serious injury or death of a law enforcement officer is received; and

S. 125, to amend title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the authorization of the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program through fiscal year 2020.

EXAMINE VETERANS' AFFAIRS OPIOID PRESCRIPTION POLICY

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Veterans' Affairs opioid prescription policy, practice and procedures, after receiving testimony from Carolyn Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and John D. Daigh, Jr., Assistant Inspector General for Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; John Gadea, Jr., Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection State Drug Control Division Director, Hartford; G. Caleb Alexander, Johns Hopkins Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness, Baltimore, Maryland; and Carol Forster, Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, Oak Hill, Virginia.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 90 public bills, H.R. 1641–1730; and 21 resolutions, H.J. Res. 39–41; H. Con. Res. 30–33; and H. Res. 175–188, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Reverend James Stoeger, S. J., President, Jesuit Secondary Education Association, Washington, DC.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a voice vote. **Pages H2037, H2083**

Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015: The House passed H.R. 2, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, and to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, by a yea-and-nay vote of 392 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 144.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in H. Rept. 114–50 shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 173, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2), was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 12 nays with five answering "present", Roll No. 143, after the previous question was ordered.

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Providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.J. Res. 10, providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

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Electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Res. 171, electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 31, providing for an adjournment of the House.

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Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 32, providing for a conditional recess or an adjournment of the Senate.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 30th, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 31, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Women's History Museum: Mrs. Kathy Wills Wright of Arlington, Virginia,

and the Honorable Marilyn Musgrave of Ft. Morgan, Colorado.

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Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Representatives Sam Johnson (TX) and Cole.

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British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representative Crenshaw, Chairman; Representatives Latta, Aderholt, Holding, Whitfield, and Roe (TN).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2045 and H2083. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 2:03 p.m., the House stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2015, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 31, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

Committee Meetings

IMPLEMENTING THE AGRICULTURAL ACT OF 2014: COMMODITY POLICY AND CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing on implementing the Agricultural Act of 2014: commodity policy and crop insurance. Testimony was heard from Brandon Willis, Administrator, Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency; and Val Dolcini, Administrator, Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Department of Homeland Security budget. Testimony was heard from Jeh Johnson, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

APPROPRIATIONS—ARMY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Army budget. Testimony was heard from John M. McHugh, Secretary, United States Army; and General Raymond T. Odierno, Chief of Staff, United States Army.